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ATTENTION URBAN AREAS! AID MAY BE ON THE WAY

A comprehensive bill to amend the Library Services Act has been introduced in the House of Representatives. This amendment would make areas lacking public libraries or with inadequate public libraries, public elementary and secondary school libraries and certain college and university libraries eligible for benefits under the Act.

IMPACT ON PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

1. Removal of the population limitation of 10,000 or less.
2. Increase of the authorization to \$20,000,000 annually to be allotted on a matching basis to the States for the further extension of public library services to areas without such services or with inadequate services.
3. Distribution made to the States first on basic uniform grant to each and then the remainder on a population ratio basis.
4. Matching the Federal allotment by each State on a per capita income basis.

H. R. 11823, introduced by Representative Cleveland Bailey (D., W. Va.), and H. R. 11824, introduced by Representative George P. Miller (D., Cal.), are identical bills to amend the Library Services Act.

Write NOW to your congressman urging support for the bill. Tell him of your needs. Ask him to sponsor similar legislation.

THIS AMENDMENT EXTENDS THE BENEFITS OF THE LIBRARY SERVICES ACT TO NON-RURAL AREAS.

Please notify Nancy Blair, ALA Coordinator, State Library Board, 1001 Main Street, Columbia 1, South Carolina, of any action taken and the results.

U. S. C. THIRD ANNUAL READING CONFERENCE

State Library Board scholarships to attend the U. S. C. Reading Conference, June 18-20, have been granted to Nell Garrard, Cherokee County Library, Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, Horry County Memorial Library, and Mrs. Gabriel Rouquie, Spartanburg Public Library.

The Reading Clinic, School of Education, University of South Carolina, is sponsoring the conference. Emphasis will be on developing an appreciation of and an interest in reading.

Mary R. Eakin, Specialist in Children's Literature, Iowa State Teachers' College, and Carl Carmer, author, teacher, and lecturer, will be the featured speakers. The staff of the Reading Clinic, of which Dr. Paul C. Berg is director, and South Carolina Public School officials will also participate.

APPOINTED TO STATE LIBRARY BOARD

Dorcey Lybrand, Aiken attorney with the firm of Lybrand, Simons and Rich, has been appointed to the State Library Board.

Mr. Lybrand, a former State Senator, has been interested in the progress of public library service since the establishment of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library when he was a member of the Aiken County Delegation.

THE MEDIUM-SIZED PUBLIC LIBRARY

The 27th annual conference of the University of Chicago's Graduate Library School will be devoted to the medium-sized public library, which is defined as one serving a local population of between 25,000 and 150,000 and one which will continue to be the basic reality in the pattern of American public library development.

The program will consider characteristics of the medium-sized community and its library, financial support, service to children, young people and adults, problems of book selection, the role of the medium-sized library in a county or regional system, etc.

The conference will be held at University High School, Chicago, August 8-10. Further information may be obtained from Dr. Leon Cornovsky, Graduate Library School, The University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois.

READING PROGRAM FOR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

The Home Demonstration Club Reading List for 1962-63 will be ready for distribution about July 1. The list was prepared by the staff of the State Library Board with the assistance of county and regional librarians of Abbeville, Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield, Allendale-Hampton-Jasper, Anderson, Calhoun, Chester, Colleton, Greenwood, Horry, and Lexington.

During 1961-62, thirty-four counties took part in the Home Demonstration Club reading project. Three hundred and thirteen club members completed the Reading Program and received certificates or seals in recognition of their participation. The activity is sponsored jointly by the State Library Board, the county libraries, and the Home Demonstration Agents of South Carolina.

Librarians of counties participating in the Reading Program are asked to notify the State Library Board by June 15 of the number of Reading Lists needed.

GIRL SCOUT LIBRARY AIDES

Five Fairfield County senior girl scouts, who completed the requirements of the Library Aide course outlined in their Service Aides Manual, visited the S. C. State Library Board office, the Richland County Public Library, and the South Carolina Archives on May 31.

According to the provisions of the scouting program the scouts attended a series of films and lectures on the development of libraries and a history of the local library, the library's departments and how they function, library and book terminology, and fundamental facts about the card catalog. The course was directed by R. Bryan Roberts, Reference Consultant, S. C. State Library Board, and Mrs. R. R. McMeekin, Scout Leader, who is a library assistant at the Fairfield County Library.

Scouts who will receive a Library Aide Bar to wear on their uniforms and who will give at least 30 hours volunteer service, on a regularly scheduled basis to the Fairfield County Library are: Janet Fellers, Mary McMeekin, Frances K. Mitchell, Jayne Stevenson, and Susan Smith.

HONORARY DEGREE FOR FORMER S. C. LIBRARIAN

Philip S. Ogilvie, a former assistant librarian at the Rock Hill Public Library, was given the Sapientiae Mundanae Doctor degree of the Boswell Institute in New Orleans. Last recipient of the "Doctor of Worldly Wisdom" degree was Gen. Charles de Gaulle of France. Ogilvie is now director of the Jackson, Miss., Public Library.

LIBRARIAN MEETS WITH SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICIALS

Mrs. Vernon Brunson, Librarian, Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library, addressed the Selective Service clerks of District V at their meeting in Ridgeland on May 15. Mrs. Brunson reviewed books dealing with the current "hot spots" in the world and discussed the 1960 census and its implication for selective service personnel.

District V comprises eleven Low Country counties.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - 1963

April 21-27 has been designated as National Library Week in 1963.

The 1962 National Library Week received a special award of the Saturday Review as one of the best programs in the public interest.

BENEFIT TOUR FOR LIBRARY

On May 16, the Woman's Club of Winnsboro conducted tours of five outstanding homes for the benefit of the Children's Room, a new addition to the Fairfield County Library. Morning and afternoon tours were arranged for the convenience of the patrons. Approximately \$200.00 was realized from this endeavor.

The Woman's Club owns the building in which the library headquarters are located and has made it available to the library for a number of years at a nominal rental. The Club adopted the Children's Room as its project for 1961, contributed funds for the renovation of space formerly used to house the bookmobile, and solicited contributions for this purpose.

SPARTANBURG'S RECRUITING PROGRAM

In addition to the intern participating in the State Library Board's Junior Intern Program, three other interns will work in the Spartanburg Public Library this summer.

George R. Linder, Librarian, reports that Judy Harris, a student assistant at the U. S. C. McKissick Memorial Library, will work in the Adult Department; Kathy Blalock, a student assistant in the Converse Library, will work in the Children's Room. Mary Charmain Green, a student at Randolph-Macon, has volunteered her services to the library. Elizabeth Lee McCown, Coker College, was selected as the Junior Intern under the State Library Board's program.

AROUND AND ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES

Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield

Reproductions of 50 drawings and etchings of Rembrandt were exhibited at the Edgefield County Library during National Library Week and at the Aiken County Library, April 23-28. The Netherlands National Gallery arranged this exhibit to acquaint Americans with the artist's lesser known works.

Mrs. Thomas Jackson, Williston, and Y. G. Hilsman are new members of the Barnwell County Library Board.

Greenwood

Local organizations continue their worthwhile contributions to the Greenwood City and County Library. The Greenwood Kiwanis Club donated a 40-drawer Gaylord Card Catalog to the Children's Room of the library. The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Ninety Six contributed three sections of shelving for oversized books to the branch there.

Horry

The Aynor branch of the Horry County Library has larger quarters since it moved into the former post office. The library was organized by the garden clubs of Aynor and became a branch of the Horry County Library six years ago.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I've learned a new meaning for the old adage: Experience keeps a dear school! I still think the part about fools holds true, however.

Here I've been laboring in the vineyard lo these many, scraping to go to library school and trying to run a library on a shoestring. When I try to reinforce the staff, recent library school graduates (who probably had a scholarship - full or part) with no experience expect a larger salary than I'm getting.

I almost echo Adlai Stevenson: "It hurts too much to laugh and I'm too old to cry," but my perverted sense of humor prevails and I emulate little Audrey.

What do you suggest?

An Old Fool

Dear O. F.:

All I can suggest is that you hunt up the syndicated cartoon, Born Thirty Years Too Soon, to bolster your sense of humor.

WRITE FOR THESE

Bookmarks

Hardy Gramatky has designed an amusing Care For Books bookmark in black, red, and white. The price is 25¢ for 100 and remittance must accompany orders under \$5.00. Order from Children's Book Council, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Civil War Maps and Sketches

Twenty Civil War Maps and Sketches describing land and sea fortifications, shore topography, and vegetation, etc. of famous battle areas are available from the Government Printing Office. The maps are black and white reproductions of maps prepared by the U. S. Coast Survey. The originals have seldom been displayed to the public.

The set includes a map of Charleston Harbor, 1865, and South Carolina-Georgia Coast and sketches of Forts, 1861-62.

Order the set, Selected Civil War Maps, \$5.00 per set, from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

Old Books Valuable?

"Is My Old Book Valuable?", a useful booklet, is available for \$1.00 from E. L. Sterne, 2949 Balboa Street, San Francisco 21, California.

Biography of Andrew Jackson

Public librarians are receiving a copy of South Carolina's "Old Hickory," a publication of the State Development Board. Additional copies are available from the Board, Hampton Office Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

POCKET BOOKS STANDARD EQUIPMENT

"An educational publication recently carried a story to the effect that Macy's had found it necessary to enlarge the pockets of the jeans. The reason was that existing pockets were not large enough to hold the paperbound books that had become an integral part of the equipment of the well-dressed teenager."

----- Pyke Johnson, Jr., Editor-in-chief of Doubleday Anchor Books.

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